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1ST SESSION

S. 823

To provide for the establishment of summer health career introductory programs for middle and high school students.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 2005

Mr. BURNS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SUMMER HEALTH CAREER INTRODUCTORY**
4 **PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) the success of the health care system is de-
7 pendent on qualified personnel;

8 (2) hospitals and health facilities across the
9 United States have been deeply impacted by declines

1 among nurses, pharmacists, radiology and laboratory
2 technicians, and other workers;

3 (3) the health care workforce shortage is not a
4 short term problem and such workforce shortages
5 can be expected for many years; and

6 (4) most States are looking for ways to address
7 such shortages.

8 (b) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Health and Human
9 Services, acting through the Bureau of Health Professions
10 of the Health Resources and Services Administration, may
11 award not to exceed 5 grants for the establishment of
12 summer health career introductory programs for middle
13 and high school students.

14 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
15 under subsection (b) an entity shall—

16 (1) be an institution of higher education (as de-
17 fined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act
18 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)); and

19 (2) prepare and submit to the Secretary of
20 Health and Human Services an application at such
21 time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
22 tion as the Secretary may require.

23 (d) DURATION.—The term of a grant under sub-
24 section (b) shall not exceed 4 years.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
3 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
4 2006 through 2009.

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